

ENTENTE ALLIES TAKING A HAND IN MEXICO

PRESSURE IS BEING BROUGHT TO BEAR ON CARRANZA NOW

Allies Say That German Influence is Trying to Inflame the Mexicans.

NO MARCHING ORDERS YET

International Conference on the Mexican Situation is the Latest Suggestion.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Strong pressure is being brought to bear upon General Carranza by representatives of European powers to prevent him from forcing a break with the United States. Indirect reports reaching the state department today told of these efforts and said there was a possibility they would be successful. Agencies of the Entente Allies are understood to be active for peace, particularly, they say, because German influence has sought to inflame the Mexican government against the United States with a view to preventing this country from gathering in trade formerly controlled by Germany in Mexico, South and Central America.

It is pointed out that Carranza might avoid war by calling for an international commission to discuss the border situation as provided for in the treaty of 1848. So far, however, no suggestion for such a step has come from Mexico.

A definite statement has been received that General Carranza is doing all in his power to protect Americans in Mexico from attack by the populace. He is said to have given Special Agent Rodgers in Mexico City all the aid in his power in arranging for trains to carry American refugees from the interior to Vera Cruz. In some quarters here this was construed as evidence that he is not bent upon provoking hostilities.

The state department had no advice bearing out these hopeful indications, except that from Special Agent Rodgers announcing the progress of his efforts to get American citizens out. With the full consent of the Carranza authorities, he said, and the promise of adequate protection from possible bandit attacks, he had arranged for a special train to leave Mexico City tomorrow carrying Americans to Vera Cruz.

Marching orders for national guard organizations summoned to the colors are still held up at the war department, pending completion of the mobilization of the troops at state camps.

Just as soon as a sufficient number of the guardsmen have been mustered into the federal service, the war department will act upon General Funston's report of yesterday stating the number of units he desired.

Only preliminary reports on the progress of the mobilization in various states have reached the war department. These were viewed as satisfactory.

Secretary Baker said the suggestion that the senior class at West Point Military Academy be graduated immediately for active service was under consideration but that no decision had been reached. The cadets have completed three years of their work and could be commissioned as second lieutenants immediately.

WASHINGTON AWAITING WORD FROM CARRANZA

WASHINGTON, June 21.—The United States is anxiously awaiting word from Mexico City regarding General Carranza's attitude toward the note sent him yesterday for on him depended the question of war between the two republics. High officials here admitted privately they looked for war, although care was taken to avoid any formal expression.

G. W. SWIGER IS TAKEN BY THE DEATH ANGEL

One of the Best Known Residents of the County Dies in Local Hospital.

George W. Swiger, aged 80, the oldest living representative of the Swiger family, passed away at 5 o'clock Wednesday morning in a local hospital, following a surgical operation for an affliction with which he had suffered for years. Funeral services will be held at the Knox home at Brown at 11 o'clock Thursday morning and interment will be in the Brown cemetery. The Rev. John Burnside will preach the funeral.

The deceased man was a son of Abigail and Polly Asbury Swiger and was one of eight children, all of whom are now dead. On December 6, 1855, he was married to Eliza Stout, daughter of Benjamin Stout, of Bridgeport. They took up their residence on Laurel run, near Brown, where Mr. Swiger devoted his time to farming. His wife died in 1910 and he then went to live with his daughter, Mrs. Susan Knox, at Brown. Two sons and four daughters survive. There are fourteen grandchildren.

The children are Mrs. Allen Taylor Swiger, of near Rosebud; John L. Swiger, of near Brown; Mrs. Susan Knox, of Brown; Lott Swiger, of Dillwyn, Va.; Mrs. Andrew Moore, of Shinnston.

or act which might appear forerunners of a declaration of war.

The only answer required from General Carranza is action suppressing outlaw treatment of Americans and officials feared against hope that this would not be done.

SILLIMAN LEAVES

Saltillo and Arrives at Eagle Pass, Tex., Safely on His Way Home.

EAGLE PASS, Tex., June 21.—General Murguía, a Carranza commander, arrived at Piedras Negras, a Mexican town opposite here, with a detachment of 2,000 Yaquis, reinforcing the garrison there. A large part of the civilian population of Piedras Negras has already moved south.

Consul R. L. Silliman arrived in this city early today from Saltillo, coming by way of Monclova, owing to the cessation of railroad traffic between Monterrey and Nuevo Laredo. He expects to remain here for several days. Mr. Silliman is the last American consul to leave Mexico.

CUTTING IN TWO

Of the Austrian Army in Bukovina is Confirmed in the City of London.

LONDON, June 21.—Confirmatory reports of the cutting in two of General Planzer's army in Bukovina are contained in a despatch to the Star from Petrograd today. When the Austrians retired from Czernowitz, part of them retreated due south along the Rumanian border and others towards the Carpathians, their hope being to have time to hold the Russians on the fortified line running from Kuty to Serech. But despite the delay caused by the prolonged defense of Czernowitz, General Letchikoff threw his reserves upon the heels of the retreating Austrians at such speed that he succeeded in reaching that line simultaneously with them.

RUSSIANS

Are Being Driven Back by Austrians with the Loss of a Number of Men.

BERLIN, June 21.—With the Austrian rear guard closely engaging them, the Russians have crossed the river Serech, the Austro-Hungarian war office announced in its report of June 20.

In the district of Lokatchi the capture of 1,300 Russians, one cannon and three machine guns is reported. The Russian forces, which crossed the Stry river, west of Kolki, were driven back by a counter attack, the official statement today says. Northwest of Lutsk the Russians strongly resisted the German advances.

BLAZE AT WESTON.

WESTON, June 21.—Fire caused by an electric wire caused damage of \$10 to \$15 at the residence of J. W. Mitchell on Second street at 9 o'clock this morning.

AVIATOR KILLED.

LONDON, June 21.—Lieutenant Immeimann, the famous German aviator, is reported to have been killed.

WOLVES ARE SOLDIERS.

BALTIMORE, June 21.—Of the fourteen sons all living of Mrs. Mary Wolfe, of this city, six now wear the uniform of United States soldiers. Two are with the Twelfth cavalry in Mexico, one is a member of the Twelfth artillery stationed in Vermont, and three are members of the Fourth regiment, Maryland national guard.

AEROPLANES

Ordered in This Country Are to Be Used by China to Transport Its Mails.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 21.—The Chinese government has ordered twenty-five aeroplanes at an average cost of \$10,000, according to an aeroplane manufacturer here, who said today he had received the contract. J. Linn, the representative of the Chinese government, with whom the contract was arranged, said aeroplanes were to be used in transporting mail over routes not yet definitely named but tentatively laid out.

RAILROAD READY

To Move Pennsylvania National Guard to Camp at Mt. Gretna.

PITTSBURGH, June 21.—Officers of the Pennsylvania railroad Wednesday completed arrangements to move the Second brigade, Pennsylvania National Guard, to Mt. Gretna. The Eighteenth infantry will train at Shady Side station and the batteries and Troop H at East Liberty. It was also announced that arrangements for moving the Tenth infantry had been completed, fifteen coaches, seven box cars, on gondola and two sleeping cars having been provided. The companies are expected to move out Friday night.

While enlistments in the local companies have been gratifying officials say they are still in need of men. It is probable that recruiting offices will be opened in the downtown district.

STATE TROOPS

Are All to Be under Canvas at Kanawha City by Nightfall Today.

CHARLESTON, June 20.—Commands of the Second regiment, West Virginia National Guard, began to arrive at the mobilization camp, Kanawha City, early today and Adjutant General Bond expected to have all the men under canvas before nightfall. The Charleston companies were the first to arrive followed closely by Company K, of Welch, L, of Bluefield, and the three Huntington companies with the machine gun command. Train movements were reported as satisfactory and the Parkersburg and Spencer companies were expected early in the afternoon. Headquarters have been established and the active work of training will begin Thursday.

LOTS OF AMMUNITION.

LAREDO, Tex., June 21.—Approximately 17,000 rounds of ammunition has been taken in charge by Carranza authorities throughout Mexico and the government factory is working twenty-four hours daily to augment this supply, according to an American refugee from Mexico City, who arrived here today. The output of the government factory is approximately 30,000 rounds of cartridges daily, he said.

YOST LAW VICTIM.

Arrested at Salem on a charge of violating the prohibition law by having liquor in his pockets in a public place and by carrying some in an unlabelled suitcase, Milton Ross, of West Union, was taken to the county jail Wednesday to await a hearing, or a trial, before a magistrate.

TO DROP CHARGES.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Chief Bielski of the department of justice bureau of investigation today telegraphed his El Paso agent to drop the charges against Frederick Griese, a German banker of Mexico City, detained here yesterday for alleged attempts to violate American neutrality. Investigation convinced officials here there had been no violation.

MRS. J. J. ASTOR FORFEITS \$5,000,000 AND PALATIAL NEW YORK HOME TO WED AGAIN



Mrs. J. J. Astor and Fifth avenue home she forfeits.

NEW YORK, June 21.—Eastern society is keenly interested in the recently reported engagement and approaching marriage of Mrs. Madeline Force Astor to Mr. William K. Dick, Brooklyn business man and prominent among the oldest families of that city. The match is especially interesting when it is recalled that under the terms of Colonel Astor's will the bride will relinquish the Astor income and fortune in marrying a second time. She will give up the famous old mansion at No. 840 Fifth avenue. The \$5,000,000 trust fund and the house will revert to young Vincent Astor, Colonel Astor's son, by a former marriage. Mrs. Astor as Mrs. Dick will still have the care of the four-year-old John Jacob Astor 3rd, on whom \$3,000,000 was settled by the father. Madeline Talmage Force was eighteen years old when society was astonished with the news of her engagement to Colonel Astor. He had been divorced from Ava Willing Astor scarcely a year when he met Miss Madeline Force, a lovely debutante, at

BIG BONUS VOTE OFFER THIS WEEK IN THE BIG CLUB

And Now is the Time to Get Busy in the Big Campaign for Leadership.

This is really the second week of the 10,000 Club. While it was announced the week previous, no one accomplished anything worth while until last week. We call it Booster Week and have made a big bonus vote offer in order to encourage everyone who is interested in the club to get busy now while the votes come easier.

With each and every club of \$15 worth of business which you turn in this week, we will allow a bonus ballot good for 30,000 extra votes. This \$3,000 extra vote certificate will be given in addition to the regular votes with your subscriptions. Subscriptions may be for any length of time from six months up. They be either new or renewals.

Give yourself a chance to profit by this Booster Week offer. Be a Booster and win the big Overland six-cylinder touring car or one of the other splendid prizes. You can if you will. No one has a better right to the prizes than you have, and you have just as much energy and ability along this line as any other member of the club. Climb on the list of winners now, and get out of the rut. Win a place and a prize for yourself at one and the same time. Don't Let This Opportunity Escape.

Grasp it now. Six weeks from now you may be one who is awarded one of the splendid automobiles or one of the other splendid prizes. Don't let anyone else get them. They are yours by right and enthusiasm.

Enter the club now. Clip today's nomination ballot and send it in at once. Clip every coupon you possibly can this week. Get every one you know to clip the coupons for you. Do everything you can to get a \$15 club, and thus help you to win one of the great prizes six weeks from now.

You have six weeks to secure the automobile. You can win it in this young time if you make up your mind that you will—that nothing can stop you. This is the way empires have been won—this is the only way to win anything worthwhile in life.

BOUC TAKES BAR TEST.

MORGANTOWN, June 21.—Fifteen applicants are taking the examination for certificates to practice law in West Virginia before the state examining board in the College of Law, West Virginia University, among them being F. V. Bouc, of Clarksburg.

PERSHING CALLS MEXICAN BLUFF

By Sending a Small Force of His Army Eastward to Guzman.

NO MEXICANS ARE FOUND

Mexican Town Opposite Douglas, Ariz., is Deserted by Civilians.

SAN ANTONIO, June 21.—General Pershing has given the Mexican troops the opportunity to make good their threats to attack him if he moved east or west but the Mexicans declined the issue.

The American commander sent a small force eastward to Guzman, about thirty-five miles from his line of communication yesterday to investigate a report that a concentration of Mexican troops had been made there.

He reported the incident to General Funston today, adding that the detachment had returned without finding any Mexican troops in that vicinity.

MEXICANS DESERT ONE OF THEIR BORDER TOWNS

DOUGLAS, Ariz., June 21.—Agua Prieta, the Mexican town opposite this city, was practically deserted today of civil population. A handful of soldiers, the staff and guard of General Calles, military commander of Sonora, and the customs officers remained.

Fifteen hundred residents mostly women and children left during the night for the South. They were loaded into cars of every description, the women and children huddling on the floor among their meager belongings.

ON TRIAL

Is J. Henry Wiggins Charged with the Sale of Liquor Unlawfully.

J. Henry Wiggins is on trial in the criminal court charged with having sold liquor unlawfully.

Default of the bond of Sam Galoss, indicted for a misdemeanor, was noted.

A jury has the case of Butch Clark, tried on a charge of having sold liquor unlawfully.

Fred Miller was found guilty of having sold liquor unlawfully.

Elizabeth A. Harbert's prosecution of Jesse Neiswanger was dismissed on motion of the plaintiff.

GREGORY

To Be Succeeded by Davis if the Former Goes on the Supreme Bench.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—An associate justice of the supreme court to succeed Charles E. Hughes probably will be appointed by President Wilson in a few days. Scores of men have been considered and endorsements still are coming in. Those most prominently mentioned are Attorney General Gregory, Senator Walsh, of Montana, and former Secretary Garrison. John W. Davis, solicitor general, is understood to be considered as Mr. Gregory's successor in the cabinet if the latter goes on the bench.

STILL AT LARGE.

SAN ANTONIO, June 21.—The band of armed Mexicans operating about sixteen miles west of here was still at large today. A sheriff's posse spent the night looking for the bandits.

CIRCUS IS CALLED OFF OWING TO DOWNPOUR

Sells-Floto Show Has to Move On to Grafton without Showing Here.

Owing to a downpour of rain, which converted roads and fields into mires of mud, the Sells-Floto circus was unable to give its performances Wednesday on the Thorn lots at Point Comfort as planned, disappointing thousands of persons who had gathered as well as the management.

It was not until noon that decision was made by the circus management to call off its engagement here as strenuous efforts were made to find another location within easy reach of the railroad tracks. The most favorable looking tract of land, however, was found to be too small to accommodate the big circus and it was impossible to make use of it. There was too much mud to allow the heavy circus wagons to reach the Thorn lots.

The circus came here from Marietta, O., in its own train of forty cars. When the local engagement was called off it was taken to Grafton, where it is billed to show Thursday.

SPECIAL TRAIN

Out of Mexico City Will Carry 600 Americans to the City of Vera Cruz.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—An overnight despatch from Special Agent Rodgers at Mexico City received at the state department today said arrangements had been concluded satisfactorily for the special train to carry out Americans and foreigners to Vera Cruz. He reiterated hope that it would start today taking many of the 600 or more American citizens still in the capital.

SHINNSTON MAN FINE.

C. J. Kerr, a middle aged man of Shinnston, was fined \$5 and costs late Tuesday in Magistrate T. G. Nicewarner's court for assaulting and beating Tony Smith, aged 19, there June 13. He paid the required amount and was released.